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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, EC, AU, FR, SP  
SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN CONCERNS ABOUT STEEL AND PAPER

1. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR GEORG SEYFFERTITZ EXPRESSED CONCERN TO ME TODAY BOTH ABOUT COMMUNITY INTENTIONS CONCERNING STEEL NEGOTIATION AND COMMUNITY PRESSURES ON EFTA PAPER SUPPLIERS TO DELAY ENLARGEMENT OF DUTY-FREE QUOTAS. HE ALSO SAID FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD STOPPED AUSTRIAN TRUCKS CARRYING STEEL AT FRENCH BORDER AND NO ONE WAS PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT EITHER IN THE COMMISSION OR IN PARIS.

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2. SEPARATELY, I AM TOLD THE FRENCH HAVE ALSO STOPPED TRUCK SHIPMENTS OF SPANISH STEEL AND THAT THEIR EXPLANATION IS THAT THE COMMUNITY DECISION TO ALLOW STEEL IN TRANSIT ON DECEMBER 20 TO ENTER WITHOUT A NEW IMPORT LICENSE REFERRED ONLY TO SHIP-BORNE AND RAIL-BORNE STEEL. COMMENT: THESE RELATIVELY MINOR HARASSING

ACTIONS, THE NECESSITY TO OBTAIN NEW IMPORT LICENSES, AND THE DELAY NOW UNTIL JANUARY 5 IN PUTTING THE COMMUNITY'S NEW BASE PRICE SYSTEM INTO EFFECT IN AND BY THEMSELVES PROVIDE A DEGREE OF PROTECTION AND ARE CLEARLY IN SHORT RUN TRADE DISRUPTIVE.

3. AMBASSADOR SEYFFERTITZ SAYS COMMUNITY HAS NOT YET CLEARLY REVEALED ITS INTENTIONS ON STEEL NEGOTIATIONS BUT HE ASSUMES THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FRAMEWORK OF MIXED COMMISSION WHICH IS AN INSTITUTION CREATED BY THE EXISTING AUSTRIAN AGREEMENT WITH THE COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. HE SAID HE THOUGHT AUSTRIA'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO COME WOULD BE TO GUARANTEE ITS EXISTING MARKET SHARE. HE ATTRIBUTED COMMUNITY PROTECTIONIST ACTIONS ON PAPER AND STEEL LARGELY TO FRENCH, SAID THEY WERE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE SINCE AUSTRIAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH COMMUNITY IS LARGER THAN COMMUNITY'S DEFICIT WITH JAPAN, AND THAT INDEED COMMUNITY EXPORTS MORE STEEL TO AUSTRIA THAN AUSTRIA DOES TO COMMUNITY.  
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